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## MEMORANDUM

TO

Office of the General Counsel

Attention:

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FROM

Commanding Officer /

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SUBJECT :

Automobile Accident Involving

Center Car on 23 April 1954

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- 1. Your memorandum dated 31 January 1955, with reference to the subject, suggests that I attempt to settle the claim for a lesser amount, but to pay in full if the insurer appears adamant. You also suggest that two estimates should have been submitted and that I pay the full amount of the lowest of the two estimates if necessary.
- 2. Further communication by me with the Government Employees Insurance Company does not appear to be in the best interests of security, as under normal procedures anything directed to the care of the Commanding Officer for the Secretary of the Army or the attention of the Judge Advocate General, would immediately be sent to a higher echelon and remove the Commanding Officer from any further negotiation. It is my belief that if I make further overtures in my own name, the cover status of could be compromised. Because of this position, I request authority to pay the bill as submitted by the Government Employees Insurance Company.

Lt. Col. Ord. Corps